

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-29 are currently pending. Claims 1-28 have been amended to replace the phrase "characterized in that" with "wherein" to provide proper antecedent basis for terms recited therein and thereby conform to U.S. practice. Claims 3-7, 13-16, and 19 have been amended to depend solely on Claim 1; Claims 9-11 have been amended to depend solely on Claim 7; and Claim 18 has been amended to depend solely on Claim 16; and Claims 22-28 have been amended to depend solely on Claim 19, thereby eliminating any multiple dependencies and more clearly defining the Applicants' invention. In addition, the element numbers have been removed from Claims 1-5 and 7-28 in accordance with U.S. practice. New dependent Claim 29 has been added and is directed to elements previously claimed in Claim 22. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter is introduced by these amendments, and requests entry thereof prior to examination on the merits.

AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 4791-4009. A DUPLICATE OF THIS DOCUMENT IS ATTACHED.

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